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in behalf of surrounding states. In the conference of the Council of State Government, I was part of a subcommittee that studied this particular area and our state was one of the states that was losing out on efficiency, as well as funding, by the fact that we had not passed this particular registration fee. I very definitely would be against Senator Keyes' motion to kill. This would be a step in the wrong direction when all of our sister states in the twelve state Conference of Council of State Government are passing this type of legislation to make this job much easier and much more tax saving for the people who have to use the motor vehicle registration fee idea.

PRESIDENT: And now, will you please close debate, Senator Keyes?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Mr. President, I'll close very quickly. This is not going to cut down on the money that is generated in the state of Nebraska for roads, for taxes. It is just going to collect them a little bit different. Just because the other states use this system, doesn't mean that we have to follow them. I am not going to live or die over this. I'm like Jim Preston, it doesn't mean that much but it will make a, if the bill is passed, I presume it will make it more convenient to collect the taxes. Let me tell you how you're going to collect them. The man who have a 5,000 dollar truck and a 20 ton license, is going to pay exactly in lieu of advalorem tax, the same as the man who has a fifty thousand dollar truck and a twenty ton license. So that is the whole thing. If you believe that you should protect the people who have the new trucks and give them an advantage over the poor man, the poor fellow who has the poor truck, fine and dandy. It simply means that my truckers which haul meat to the west coast from the packing house, that have a refrigerated truck, that stands with evaluation of 50,000 dollars and the truck that's going to haul 20 tons, and if you have a gravel truck that has a hoist on it, and it probably costs you 10 thousand dollars or 15, you're going to pay the same tax. That's all right with me, I just want to alert you to what's going to happen when you tax that small man that has the least value the same as you tax the man that has a lot of value. I usually stand for the poor man, that's my outlook.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall LB 530 be indefinitely postponed? Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 17 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Would you like to close now, Senator Carsten?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I think we have argued the bill and I just move that it be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall LB 530 be advanced? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays, 22 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. I understand we're to pass over 120. Is that correct?

CLERK: Request to bracket LB 120 until May 1.